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will be taken on the appropriation until the furor surrounding the disclosure of plotting against Malaysia calms down. Marcos wants to avoid changing the composition or size of the Philippine contingent until the outcome of proposed US - North Vietnamese talks is known. The contingent is being maintained on a temporary basis.

Since the disclosure in March of covert training of a force for infiltration into Sabah, Marcos has been under heavy fire from the opposition party. Members of his own party have also seized upon his predicament to extract concessions for continued support.1

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